

1-22. (CANCELED)

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A fruit coring device comprising:

a handle; and

a tubular member having first and second opposed ends with the tubular member having an interior cavity and defining a longitudinal axis extending longitudinally through a center of the tubular member, the handle being connected adjacent the first end of the tubular member and the second end of the tubular member defining a circular and planar cutting edge; and

at least one blade having a planar blade cutting edge, the at least one blade being formed by a cut formed in a sidewall of the tubular member thereby forming a gap in the circular and planar cutting edge, and the cut sidewall being bent inward into the interior cavity of the tubular member to form the at least one blade such that the at least one blade extends toward and parallel to and coincident with the longitudinal axis and is solely supported within the interior cavity by a side wall of the tubular member, and the planar blade cutting edge lies in a plane defined by the circular and planar cutting edge. ✓ ✓

24-27. (CANCELED)

28. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fruit coring device according to claim 24, wherein a substantially radially inwardly facing free end of the at least one blade is spaced from the longitudinal axis.

29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A fruit coring device comprising:

a handle; and

a tubular member having first and second opposed opened ends with the tubular member having an interior cavity and defining a longitudinal axis extending longitudinally through a center of the tubular member, the handle being connect adjacent the first end of the tubular member and the second end of the tubular member defining a circular and planar cutting edge, and the circular and planar cutting edge being interrupted by two opposed gaps formed therein; and

only opposed first and second planar blades each having a planar blade cutting edge, each of the first and the second planar blades being formed by a cut formed in a sidewall of the tubular member and thereby forming the two opposed gaps in the circular and planar cutting edge with the cut sidewall being bent inward into the interior cavity of the tubular member to form respectively the first and the second planar blades such that the first and the second blades each extend toward and parallel to and coincident with the longitudinal axis and are supported within the interior cavity solely by a side wall of the tubular member, and the planar blade cutting edge of the first and the second blades lie in a plane defined by the circular and planar cutting edge.

30-33. (CANCELED)

34. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fruit coring device according to claim 29, wherein a substantially radially inwardly facing free end of each of the first and the second blades is aligned with but spaced from the longitudinal axis.

35-41. (CANCELED)

42. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The coring device according to claim 29, wherein [[the]] the first and the second blades are permanently attached to the tubular cutting member. ✓

43-48. (CANCELED).